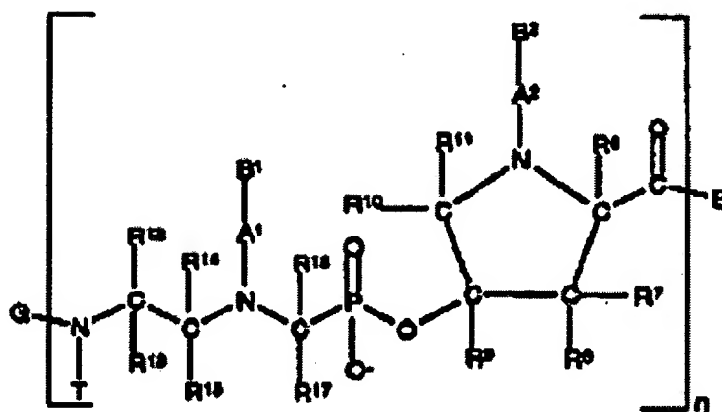


Compounds are described and claimed comprising general formula:



the compounds have substituents as described herein and are useful, *e.g.* for their ability to bind nucleic acids and thereby effect purifications, probing techniques, and gene inhibition.